



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE BILL NO. 278

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The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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1 AN ACT relating to nurse education.

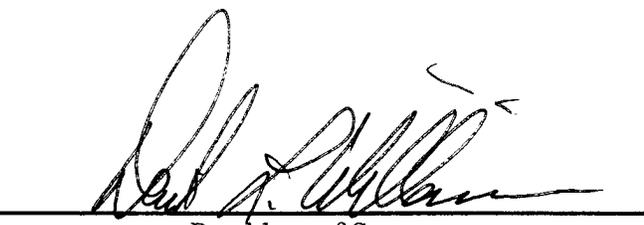
2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔ Section 1. KRS 164.298 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The governing board *as defined in KRS 164.001* of each eligible postsecondary
5 education institution *and college as defined in KRS 164.945* shall collaborate with
6 the Kentucky Board of Nursing to ensure that each university offering an advanced
7 practice doctoral degree in nursing complies with the accreditation standards of the
8 National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on
9 Collegiate Nursing Education and with minimal education and licensure standards
10 for admission to and graduation from an advanced practice doctoral program in
11 nursing.
- 12 (2) Each university offering an advanced nursing practice doctoral program shall refer
13 to the degree as the "doctor of nursing practice," with the degree being abbreviated
14 as "DNP." Any advertisement about the advanced nursing practice doctoral program
15 shall not refer to graduates using the term "doctor." Graduates of the program shall
16 accurately portray their academic credentials as well as their registered nurse and
17 advanced practice registered nurse credentials, if applicable, subject to sanction
18 under KRS 311.375(4).



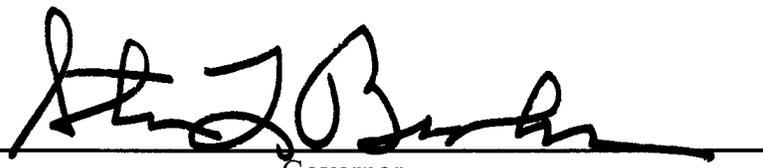
Speaker-House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

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